

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, William (Bill) Earl Clark was born in Aberdeen, South Dakota, on April 14, 1925, to Earl William and Laura (Breitenbach) Clark, one of three children; and,

Whereas, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered, and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

Whereas, Bill attended school in Aberdeen and graduated from Central High School in 1943, joined the US Navy, and attended Dickinson State College; and,

Whereas, After returning from the Navy, Bill joined his father's business, purchased the business in 1950, renamed it Clark Title Company, and continues to serve as president; and,

Whereas, Bill has been actively involved in numerous community organizations and his church and still finds time for his hobbies: woodworking, gardening, hunting, cooking and fishing; and,

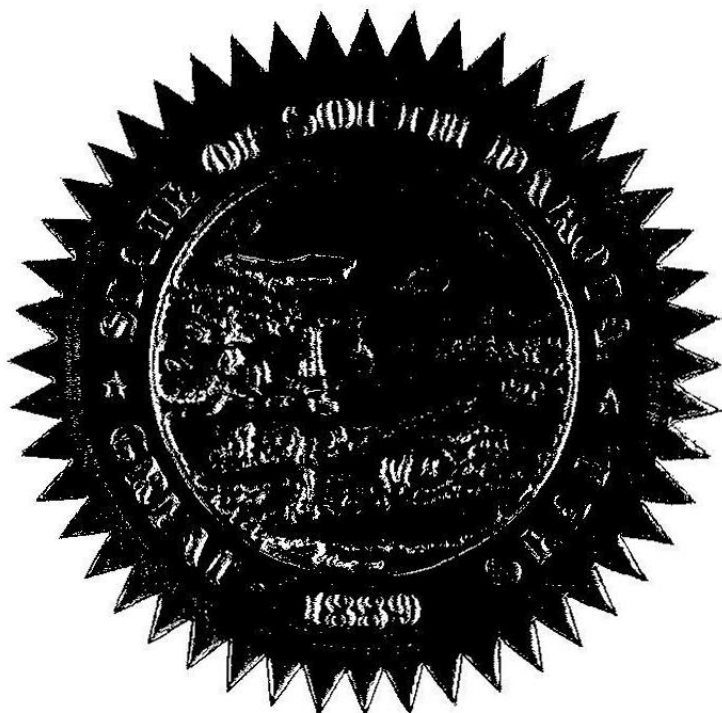
Whereas, Bill and wife, Jeanie, are die-hard Minnesota Viking fans and enjoy music, theatre, church, traveling, working in their yard, entertaining, and spending time with their children, grandchildren, and great-grandchild; and,

Whereas, Bill will observe his 80th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as his friends and relatives will gather to honor him and celebrate his life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a man who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim April 14, 2005, as

WILLIAM EARL CLARK DAY

in South Dakota, and I join all his many friends and relatives in wishing him a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fourth Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Five.

M. Michael Rounds
M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson
Chris Nelson, Secretary of State